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Construction of a bridge to Cherupuzha Thodu, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 289 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of construction of a bridge to Cherupuzha-thodu in Payyannur Firka, North Malabar ; and

(*b*) when the construction of the bridge will be completed?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) The proposal for constructing a pucca masonry bridge at Cherupuzha Thodu is under examination by Chief Engineer (Highways).

" (*b*) It cannot be stated now when the construction of the bridge will be completed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" There was a bridge there once and on it the Government spent about Rs. 30,000. But it was swept away very soon. When I put a supplementary question previously in the Assembly, the Hon. Sri N. Sankara Reddi answered that the work had already been started and that it would be completed within a week. But when I went there, no work was started. In view of the failure of the promise of the Government, will the Hon. Minister take the matter seriously and see that a bridge is constructed there? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Let there be no confusion. The hon. Member's question is about a pucca masonry bridge. There is a wooden bridge there. For the wooden bridge. there were some repairs. The question then put was about the wooden bridge. The repairs to the wooden bridge were completed and I have information to that effect. Regarding the pucca masonry bridge, it will take some time."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know where the words ' pucca masonry bridge ' occur in the question? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The words are there in the answer."

Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram.

* 290 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State-aided Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram, has begun to work ; and

(*b*) the net amount with interest due to the Government from the Company on 1st January 1954?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The net amount with interest due to the Government from the company on 1st January 1954 is Rs. 4,75,982–10–1."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know from the Government whether there is any chance of this Vanaspathi factory starting production? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As late as February, it was represented to Government that serious attempts were being made to start this factory. Government were hopeful that they would start it and, therefore, they have given for the last time permission to pay the money before April. I do hope that the attempt will succeed. If it does not succeed, then we will take legal action for not giving us the money."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சர்க்கார் கடன் உதவி செய்த தினத்திலிருந்து இந்த மில் ஓடியதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அந்த மில்லினுடைய ஆஸ்தியானது சர்க்காருக்குக் கொடுக்கவேண்டிய கடனையாவது ஈடுகட்டுவதற்கு இருக்குமா என்று தெரிவிக்கும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன். சர்க்காரே இந்த மில்லை எடுத்து நடத்துவதற்கு முயற்சிப் பார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The loan was intended for the purchase of additional land and machinery and for the construction of additional buildings. It means that there is enough security for the money already given. There is no proposal before the Government to purchase and run this factory."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister for Health has often been reminding this House that all the ills are due to malnutrition. Such being the case, why should help be given for the production of Vanaspathi, about whose nutritive value there is difference of opinion? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be addressed to the Hon. Minister for Health as to whether Vanaspathi is good or bad. I, as the Minister for Labour or as the Minister for Industries, cannot answer this supplementary question."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் டாக்டர் கிருஷ்ண ராவ் அவர்கள் தொழில் மந்திரியாக இருந்தபோதிலும்கூட, சர்க்கார் இந்த விஷயத்தில் நஷ்டம் அடையவேண்டுமென்பது என்னுடைய எண்ணமல்ல. இந்த தொழிற்சாலையை விலை கொடுத்து வாங்கவேண்டுமென்று யோசனை சொல்லவில்லை. சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைக்கவேண்டிய தொகையை நான்கு லட்சம் ரூபாய்க்கு அதிகமாக இருப்பதினாலே, கோர்ட்டிலே ஜப்தி நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து, தொழிற்சாலையை சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு நடத்துவார்களா ? முதலாளிக்கு இன்னும் பணம் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் சொல்லவில்லை."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" After the final date, the Government will certainly bring the matter before the court and see how their money could be recovered."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்கார் இந்த தொழிற்சாலைக்கு கொடுத்த நான்கு லட்ச ரூபாய் கடனுக்கு ஈடு கட்டக்கூடிய அளவு அங்கே சொத்துக்கள் இருக்கின்றனவா என்று தோழர் கல்யாணசுந்தரம் அவர்கள் கேட்டதற்கு, ' ஏற்கனவே அங்கே கொஞ்சம் இருந்தன ; இப்பொழுது

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When a loan of Rs. 4 lakhs is given, there should surely be assets worth at least Rs. 8 lakhs. That is the normal principle followed by the Government in granting a loan. If the hon. Member doubts the value of the assets, he can put a separate question, and I shall give him the value of the assets, on the security of which the loan was given."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I have recently gone into that factory. It is a huge one but it is lying idle. Will the Government bring to bear their extraordinary influence on the directors to work the factory so that some people could get employment? I have got one more point and I will couple it with this question, because I may not get another chance."

MR. SPEAKER :—" A Member can put only one question at a time."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" A sum of Rs. 20,000 by way of tax is due from the company to the Villupuram Municipality of which I was the legal adviser . . ."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" All attempts at making the factory work depend upon the vital requirement of cash. That is a factor for which we are not responsible."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" How many factories of this kind are there in this State to which the Government have advanced loans but which are not working? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice. But I know there is one at Katpadi, the factory in question is at Villupuram, and the third one is the Government factory in Kozhikode."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to appoint a committee to go into the economics of the working of the vanaspathi industry in this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" All the three factories are not working and so there is no economics to consider. All of them want money. If somebody can produce money, I can see that these factories are made to work."

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SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give me a direct answer? Did he verify whether the loan was utilized for the purposes for which it was taken and is he aware that the company has to pay a tax arrear of Rs. 20,000 to the Villupuram Municipality? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to remind hon. Members that when the Government advance a loan, the authority who inspects the assets and satisfies himself that there is enough security for the loan is the Director of Industries and not the Minister for Industries."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" Have the Government experience of working a vanaspathi factory in another place? Have they taken any action with regard to the Hydrogenation Factory at Kozhikode which, though called by a different name, is also a vanaspathi factory? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I said that the factories at Kozhikode, Katpadi and Villupuram were not working. I did not omit the Kozhikode factory." 11 a.m.

N.C.C. Units for all schools and colleges.

* 291 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from educational institutions and M.L.As. that N.C.C. Units should be established in every school and college in the State;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Defence Ministry has promised help to the State Government for the establishment of N.C.C. Units in the educational institutions in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Proposals for the expansion of the National Cadet Corps are considered every year with reference to the funds available for the purpose. Decisions will be taken shortly in respect of the proposals for 1954–55.

" (*c*) No such help has been promised by the Government of India. They have suggested certain measures for effecting economies in expenditure under the National Cadet Corps. The question as to how the savings thus effected may be utilized, is under consideration."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In how many colleges and high schools attached to the University of the residuary State of Madras there are National Cadet Corps Units and how many cadets were given training in the previous year? "

THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the Senior Division, there were 10 units and there were 294 cadets. So far as the Junior Division was concerned, there were 32,367 cadets."